



# MEADOWS MATTERS

Weekly bulletin of Greenmeadows Rotary Club



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<b>OFFICE HOLDERS 2021-22</b> <b>President</b> Jenny Robertson <b>Secretary</b> Ken Hunt <b>Treasurer</b> Graeme Ryan  <b>DIRECTORS</b> <b>Club Admin</b> Helen Tattersall <b>Members &amp; PI</b> Kelvin Winnie <b>Service</b> Denise Brown <b>Youth</b> Gail Kelly <b>Foundation</b> Graeme Muir <b>Artex</b> Bryan Matthews	<b>MEETINGS</b>  <b>Weekly:</b> Taradale Town Hall Wednesday 6.00pm Fellowship 5.30pm  <b>Firesides:</b> First Wednesday of month  <b>Directors:</b> Second Wednesday of Month  <b>Apologies to:</b> <a href="mailto:GR.apologies@gmail.com">GR.apologies@gmail.com</a> (before 8.00am on Wednesday)	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>  Taradale Combined Meeting at the Oamaru Bowling Club – <b>THURSDAY</b> 30 Sept – <u>not Wednesday</u>  <b>Leave of Absences:</b> Geoff Bennett – to 13 Oct Colin Clark – Ongoing Frank Heuser – to 20 Oct Ian McKelvie – Ongoing Mort Nikolaison – Ongoing

## Live Meeting 15 September 2021

**President Jenny** - Welcomed all, particularly those to be inducted as members, and also thanked the kitchen for enabling us to have an actual live meeting.



## DUTY ROSTER (\* denotes change from previous roster)

Date	September 22nd	September 30 <sup>th</sup>	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Programme: Guest Speaker	Kath Boyd <b>Big Brother, Big Sister</b>	<b>OmaranuiBowlsClub</b> Joint Meeting with Taradale Rotary	FIRESIDES	TBA
Opening thought	Stewart Skeet	Fred Staples	Confirm when Lockdown levels known	Confirm when Lockdown levels known
Top Table (introduce Speaker)	Brian hall	<b>Not required</b>		
Vote of Thanks	Garth Eyles	Brian Anstis		
Cashier	John Nelson *	Alan White *		
Club Host & Closing Thought	John MacIntosh *	Bryan Matthews		
Three Minute Speaker	Natalya Latysheva *	<b>Not required</b>	LOCKDOWNS PERMITTING	
Sergeant	Neil Smith * NB: Several Changes	Wim Snijders * May not need at all		
Stewards	Denise Brown Edwin Brown Mark Dickerson Helen Tattersall May change, each table managing their own	Geoff Bibby Bruce Martin Graeme Muir Brian Peplow May not use as we are away with Taradale		

**NB IF you are unable to perform your duty YOU must arrange a substitute and notify President Jenny of the change**

**Opening Thought** – from Wal, “Don’t count the days. Make the days count.””

**Three Minute Speaker:** We didn't have one. We had several – later!

**Welfare** – Stu said that Mort & Colin were OK and that Jill was meeting the oncologist.

### Inducting new members

Bringing a whole new meaning to the World President's plea *"Each one Bring one,"* we brought four! In what might well have been a record for our club, four new members were welcomed (after several delays due to covid lockdowns). Induction Member Bryan Matthews spoke on Rotary and what it meant, referring particularly to youth and education, but also mentioning completing projects, "fellowship", the Four Way Test and keeping smiling. He also announced relevant committees with Jinice and Hamish going to Youth, Natalaya to Membership & PI, and Lynne to Administration.

First up was **Natalya Latysheva** who has come to us from Russian (with love) and via Dunedin and presented by Jill.

Next was **Hamish Lowry** and **Jinice Bautista**, proposed by Stewart Skeet who "found" the latter when getting his ears examined and began talking about Rotary. She was enthusiastic about his descriptions of fellowship and projects and said her husband would be to! He said they should do the projects they liked.

Finally Hayley proudly introduced her mother **Lynne Gibson** as a "transferring" member. She had been in the Napier Rotary Club for 17 years, was a Past President there and Paul Harris Fellow. And of course, her late husband "Gibbo" was previously in our club.

All were warmly welcomed to our club and advised that they would, in coming weeks, be asked to briefly describe themselves as Three Minute Speakers. (And Lynne did that later in the evening.)



### FOUR NEW MEMBERS IN ONE NIGHT

### Club Announcements:

*Pres. Jenny* presented Brian Hall with the chocolates he had won at the Zoom Quiz, thanked all for taking part in those – but hoped that we don't have to go back to them. She referred to several events coming up that would welcome partners attending, that a board would be going around for entering names, asked us to do that, AND remember we had and tell our partners. *(This was a special reminder for your scribe!)*

*Chris McKenna* said something (or nothing) about covid, but asked for a meeting later – with somebody!

*Stuart Cheyne* spoke on the “*Guess Who’s coming to Dinner,*” advised that a record number of guests registered and a record number offering to be hosts. However they finally had to postpone the event as there were too many problems between now & Christmas. Current plan is a BBQ at his place on Sunday 31 October. You will need to bring carrots and drink (I think). Watch this space.

*Denise Brown* sent a message that the Maraenui project has altered (I think) to October 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Gail Kelly* for Youth Committee told us that the goods sent to Niue had arrived at their wharf.

*Other comments* included Radio Kidnappers Rotary Interviews and Summer Science School (our nomination had a good interview & is now awaiting academic results.)

### **Sergeant Brian Peploe**

Congratulated the new members and then drew the raffle ticket (66) held by one of them. He then went on to fine those who had held office in the club, or who had done something else – or who had not! This apparently proved that *“If asked to do something in Rotary – you do it!”* (We sure will now!)

### **SPEAKERS**

The advertised *five three minute speakers* turned into four (or scribe fell asleep) and they were –

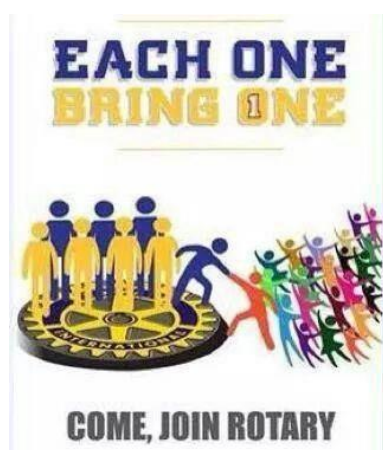
**Geoff Bibby** who talked of his difficulty getting up in the morning, struggling to dress, his morning coffee walk and dodging cyclists. He then got serious and told of his “real interests” like the Discussion Group, Intellectual Book Club and going to Taupo with a Kiwi egg which hatched – later I think.

**Curly Carpenter** a confessed “Petrol Head”, talked about alternative fuels, petrol and hydrogen creating electricity for axels or wheels, charging these things and the advantages of having power when you want it. *(I suspect he is going to train as an electrician soon so he can “reinvent” himself. Scribe)*

**Fred Staples** described the “myths” of climate change and said he defends farmers (for some reasons). He believed everything evened out after 10 years and told us that CO2 = sunlight, water and minerals, so the grass is absorbing all that and therefore it (CO2 I think) is not increasing because it cannot make more than it eats. Hence “Net Zero” – but the main thing is that we should not stop producing food. Ask him!!

**Lynne Gibson** (new member) congratulated the club and our welfare officer. She told us she was born and bred in Hawkes Bay, schooled in Havelock North, was a nurse in Europe (learning & working). Her grandfather had Smiths Café, her father, grandfather (& husband of course) were Rotarians. She is now involved in Hearing Education in HB. Phew!!

**Thanks** offered by Graeme Muir for the “Four for one and what a variety!”



**Parting Thought:** Gail Kelly (@ 7.15pm said) *“Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn’t make a decision.”*

*That’s it folks. See you next week, hopefully still at our regular venue. Listen up for lockdown levels and watch for roster changes.*

*Take care out there - till we meet again.*